

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 172

By Halford

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the members of the new American Legion Post in Medina.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to pay tribute to those exemplary organizations and their members who give unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, recently receiving its organizational charter, the newly formed American Legion Post in Medina is most assuredly one such extraordinary group deserving of praise and commendation; and

WHEREAS, since its inaugural year in 1919, the American Legion has grown to more than three million members; composed of veterans from every war and military action since World War I, the American Legion is the largest wartime veterans group in the nation; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the American Legion has stood for the values enshrined in the Constitution and symbolized by the red, white, and blue; and

WHEREAS, the newly chartered post located in Medina held its first organizational meeting on March 3, 2015, appointing officers and receiving its organizational charter from State Commander Robert “Bob” Hensley, who was in attendance with several state officers, including State Adjutant Dean Tuttle and West Tennessee Vice Commander Rex McBee; and

WHEREAS, for over ninety-five years, the American Legion has stalwartly supported various public service groups and has written, proposed, and lobbied for legislation to benefit veterans and support our forefathers’ vision for this country; and

WHEREAS, Legionnaires are proud of their organization and its constant vigilance to uphold the core values of our nation—liberty, justice, respect, and equality; and

WHEREAS, Legion members have remained true to their founders' vision of a long-standing commitment to America's veterans, a vision that is consistent with the first rule of battle, "We will not fail those with whom we serve"; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor the esteemed members of the newly formed American Legion Post in Medina; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate the members of the new American Legion Post in Medina upon their recent formation and commend their meritorious service to the United States as we extend our best wishes for continued success in all their endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.